

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Takeshi HIRABAYASHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1793

Application No.: 10/588,603

Examiner: S. COHEN

Filed: August 7, 2006

Docket No.: 128996

For: EXHAUST GAS PURIFYING CATALYST, METAL OXIDE PARTICLE AND  
PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREOF

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

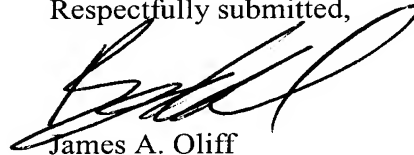
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. Search reports were issued in a counterpart foreign and international application of related of co-pending U.S. Application Nos. 10/589,421; 10/589,669 and 10/593,629. English language versions of the search reports are attached as References 48, 51 and 52.
- ☒ 3. Foreign Office Actions were issued in U.S. application No. 10/593,629. English language versions of the foreign Office Action is attached for the Examiner's information as References 49 and 50.
- ☒ 4. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 5. In accordance with the October 19, 2004 USPTO Official Gazette Notice, copies of pending U.S. patent applications filed on or after June 30, 2003, or entering the U.S. National Phase after June 30, 2003, are not attached.
- ☒ 6. An English language Abstract of one or more non-English language reference is attached. See References 15, 17, 19-25, 27, 32, 33 and 35.

- ☒ 7. A computer-generated English language translation of one or more Japanese Patent Publication cited herein has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([http://www.jpo.go.jp]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 15, 17, 19-25, 32, 33 and 35.
- ☒ 8. One or more co-pending U.S. patent application is identified on the attached Form PTO 1449. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each cited application and the art cited therein during examination of the present application. See References 37-40.
- ☒ 9. Office Actions were issued in U.S. application No. 10/589,421. Copies of the Office Action are submitted for the Examiner's consideration as References 41, 46 and 47.
- ☒ 10. Office Actions were issued in U.S. application No. 10/589,669. Copies of the Office Action are submitted for the Examiner's consideration as References 42-45.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Oliff  
Registration No. 27,075

Benjamin S. Prebyl  
Registration No. 60,256

JAO:BSP/sxl

Date: January 15, 2010

**OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC**  
**P.O. Box 320850**  
**Alexandria, Virginia 22320-4850**  
**Telephone: (703) 836-6400**

**DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE  
AUTHORIZATION**

Please grant any extension  
necessary for entry of this filing;  
Charge any fee due to our  
Deposit Account No. 15-0461